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I am writing with outrage to the very thought of eating animals in general but when I read the fact that other who do eat animals, some of them are drowned!

I would like a reply from you regarding your acceptance of this practice.

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# Stop the Downed Animal Trade!



*This downed cow was left for days without receiving her basic needs in a stockyard parking lot.*

Downed animals suffer for hours or days without receiving food, water, or veterinary care, and many are left to die of neglect.

**Downed animals, animals who are too sick or injured even to stand, are being marketed and slaughtered for human food, causing intolerable animal suffering and threatening human health.**

When downed animals are moved, they are commonly dragged with chains or pushed with tractors or forklifts - painful procedures which cause injuries ranging from bruises and abrasions to broken bones and torn ligaments.

In addition to causing animal suffering, using downed animals for human food raises serious health concerns. Besides the risk of bacterial contamination, there is evidence that some downed animals may be afflicted with a form of BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or "Mad Cow Disease"), a disease which has been linked to human fatalities.

Last year, the USDA announced a landmark policy to stop purchasing meat from downed cows for Federal food programs, including the National School Lunch Program. This important development shows a growing consensus - even among industry and government officials - that the marketing and slaughter of downed animals is unacceptable.

**We now have our best opportunity to stop downed animal abuse.**

**Please write**

Urge the Food and Drug Administration to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals for human food.

(PLEASE NOTE: It is critical to refer to docket number 98P-0151/CP1 in your letter.)

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